THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Centre for Develpment of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), an autonomous registered Society under the Department of Electronics exhibited its second generation Parallel Supercomputer PARAM 9000 in the Supercomputing 94 exhibition held at Washington from November 14—18, 1994.

(b) The prices of Supercomputers largely depend upon the configuration to meet the requirement of the users Also vendors of Supercomputers decide the end user price on a case to case basis. Initial pricing information offered by vendors like IBM, CRAY to some end users as well as broad prices published by international news agency in High Performance Computing wire (HPC wire) indicate that the price of PARAM 9000 is 20 per cent to 50 per cent lower than the prices of equivalent machines from CRAY and IBM.

(c) During Supercomputing '94 exhibition, PARAM 9000 has received enthusiastic response. However, to cater to international market, specifically to US, it is essential to have strategic alliances with US companies to market and support PARAM machines.

Status Report of Electronic Industry

353. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a Status Report on Electronic Industry in India;

(b) if so, the sailent features thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFARS, DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Electronics has brought out a 'Guide to Electronic Industry in India as a basic reference source for all information on the Indian Electronics Industry It covers a wide range of information such as:

1. Manufacturers Directory

2. Product Directory

3. Export Product Directory

4. Timeseries Data on Production & Exports.

5. Electronics Units in States etc.

The first edition of the Guide was brought out in 1992 and second edition in 1993.

(c) No further action is propposed to be taken in the matter.

Officials in Kashmir

354. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item published in the Dainik Jagran (Hindi) dated the 18th November 1994 under the Caption "Kashmir ke Rashtra Drohi Afsaron ko Samman dene ki kuchestha";

(b) if so, the number of such cases during the last three years; and